STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF FULTON

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CONTINUATION OF UTILITY FRANCHISE FEES PAID TO MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS AND REQUESTING THE GEORGIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION CONTINUE TO PROVIDE REGULATION REGARDING THIS FUNDING SOURCE

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council are the governing authority of the City of Sandy Springs; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council are charged with the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Sandy Springs; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council emphasize that the utility franchise fees must be continued for the use of cities; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of Sandy Springs are in support of the Georgia Municipal Association's comments in opposition to the actions taken by Cobb County and the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) which would hurt cities and their citizens around the State forcing them to pay up to 4% more for power than customers in unincorporated areas; and

WHEREAS, the "one bucket" rate system employed by the Public Service Commission has served the State well over the years. The petition by Cobb County and the ACCG could force the State to consider a location-based rate system, jeopardizing our economic competitiveness.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Sandy Springs, Georgia, and it is hereby resolved by the authority of same as follows:

The Mayor and Council of the City of Sandy Springs hereby officially publish support, emphasizing that the utility franchise fees must be continued for the use of cities. Cities have collected franchise fees from utility providers for years and are specifically authorized by State law to do so.

Let a copy of this Resolution and letter be forwarded to all members of the Georgia Public Service Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANDY SPRINGS, GEORGIA, AND IT IS RESOLVED BY THE AUTHORITY OF SAID CITY COUNCIL. **RESOLVED** this 7th day of February, 2006.

Approved:

Eva Galambos, Mayor

Attest:

Jeanette R. Marchiafava, City Clerk

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